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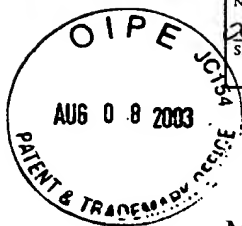
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE
RESPONSE/AMENDMENT

Case Docket No. 7040R

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COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an AMENDMENT for the patent application:

Inventor(s): Larry K. Johnson, et al. Confirmation No. 9687

Serial No.: 09/459,138 Group Art Unit: 1733

Date Filed: December 10, 1999 Examiner: John T. Haran

Title: METHOD FOR MAKING A SEAM FOR USE IN DISPOSABLE ARTICLES

1. ☒ [X] No additional fee is known to be required.
2. ☐ [] The fee has been calculated as shown below:

(Col. 1)		(Col. 2)		(Col. 3)	OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA*	RATE	FEE
TOTAL	* 16	MINUS	** 20	= 0	x \$18 =	\$0.00
INDEP.	* 4	MINUS	*** 5	= 0	x \$84 =	\$0.00
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM					+ \$280 =	\$0.00
					TOTAL	\$0.00

* If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.

** If the highest number of total claims previously paid for is less than 20, write "20" in this space.

*** If the highest number of independent claims previously paid for is less than 3, write "3" in this space.

The "Highest Number Previously Paid For" (Total or Independent) is the highest number found from the equivalent box in Col. 1 of a prior amendment or the number of claims originally filed.

3. ☒ [X] The Commissioner is hereby petitioned under 37 CFR §1.136(a) to grant any extension of time needed for timely response to the Office Action dated April 14, 2003 in the above-identified application to preserve pendency of said application. The processing fee under 37 CFR §1.17 has been determined as follows: \$110.00 for a one-month extension of time.
4. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16-2480. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.
 - a. ☒ [x] Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR §1.16.
 - b. ☒ [x] Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR §1.17.
5. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to make any additional copies of this sheet needed to accomplish the purposes provided for herein and to charge any fee for such copies to Deposit Account No. 16-2480.

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office action mailed on 14 April 2003, reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks is hereby respectfully requested.

Please consider the **remarks** beginning on page 2 of this paper.

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